

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-16 are pending in the application. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter is added, and traverses all the rejections.

Objections - Abstract

The Examiner objected to the abstract of the disclosure. Applicant hereby submits a new abstract, and respectfully submits that the new abstract is in full compliance with the requirements set out in MPEP § 608.01 (b).

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for the reasons set forth on page 2 of the Office Action.

Claims 1-4 are amended, and the informalities noted by the Examiner have been corrected. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of rejections on claims 1-4.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Hulkkonen et al. (U.S Patent Application No. 2004/0029587; "Hulkkonen").

Amended claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, "transferring roaming agreement information from a core network to a radio access network... wherein said roaming agreement information is

transferred *independently of messages linked to calls or user equipment*.¹ Applicant respectfully submits that the cited prior art reference Hulkkonen fails to disclose or suggest the noted features of amended claim 1.

Hulkkonen generally describes a method for supporting a handover of mobile communication device from one radio network controller (RNC 22) to another (See Hulkkonen: [0001]). As such, Hulkkonen provides a MSC/VLR 23 which is located in the core network and sends the RANAP Common ID to the RNC 22, as shown below in step c of Figure 2 of Hulkkonen (See Hulkkonen: [0045]).

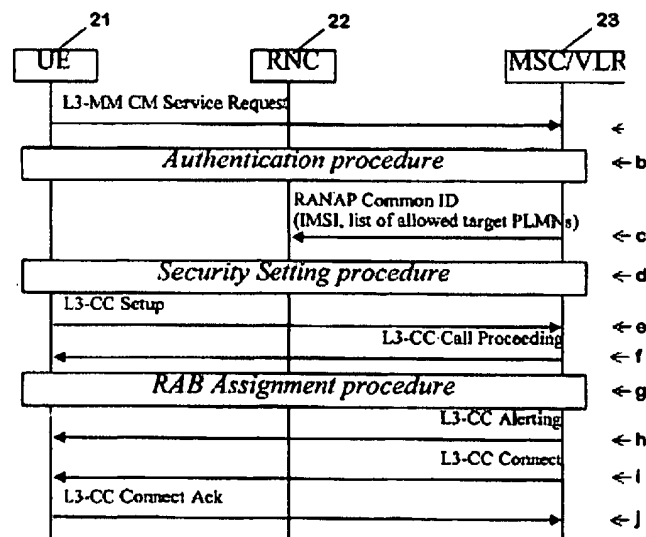


FIG. 2

Hulkkonen plainly describes that the RANAP Common ID information carries a list of allowed target PLMN for the particular mobile communication device (See Hulkkonen: [0043]).

¹ Applicant points to page 18, lines 32-33 of Applicant's Specification for the supporting basis.

However, Hulkkonen is also unambiguous in describing that the RANAP Common ID information is sent from the core network in *response to* a request for connection from the user equipment 21 (See Hulkkonen: [0045]). That is, RANAP Common ID information is sent only in response to a receipt of L3-MM CM sent from the user equipment 21 (See: *Id*).

Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Hulkkonen fails to disclose or suggest “transferring roaming agreement information from a core network to a radio access network... wherein said roaming agreement information is transferred *independently of messages linked to calls or user equipment*,” as recited in amended claim 1.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is patentable over Hulkkonen. With respect to claims 11 and 13, Applicant respectfully submits that the claim is patentable under the rationale analogous to those mentioned with respect to claim 1. Further, Applicants respectfully submits that claims 2-10, 12, 14 and 15 are patentable by virtue of their dependency from claim 1, 11 and 13.

Conclusion

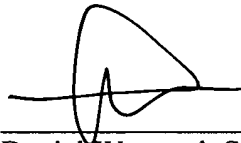
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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